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## Kaiser's dollar-dig doctors

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### MANUEL DIAS' COMMENT

Manuel Dias, State president of the CIO, called attention at the anti-right-to-work organizing meeting in the Labor Temple last week to the fact that great enthusiasm for making contributions to political funds will be shown at a meeting, but later, the contributions just don't come in.

Dias said that at one gathering so many delegates wished to speak on the need for such contributions that when the chairman said the number of speakers would have to be limited, the chair's ruling was challenged. And when the resolution embodying the popular idea went to a vote, it was adopted unanimously.

But the contributions, after the delegates went home, didn't come in unanimously!

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#### AFTER THE ORATORY

Dick Bruner, formerly a political organizer for the United Packinghouse Workers, has an article in the August issue of Harper's, in which he says that "I am convinced that one reason why most unions have not done so well" in political activity "is that their leaders have been hypnotized by their own oratory."

After all the fine oratory, he says, "the conference breaks up and the delegates adjourn to the bar, grumbling about the length of the sessions and the monotony of the speeches. After that, nothing much happens..."

Rather fits in with what Dias was saying, doesn't it?

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#### BUT NOT THIS YEAR!

Bruner writes in a discouraged tone, but he does compliment the union to which, by the way, Dias belongs, saying to the Auto Workers that "their success is the exception which makes even more glaring the political collapse of labor in general."

But this is no year in California to assume there's going to be a "political collapse of labor in general." Not with "right to work" on the ballot!

### Building Trades backing Oak Knoll hospital site

Building Trades Council asks all affiliated unions to write Congressmen Miller and Allen and Senators Kuchel and Knowland to back building new naval hospital at present Oak Knoll site.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.



THIS PORTRAIT was on the walls of the minds of GOP State convention delegates in Sacramento last week while they weasled and wobbled on whether they had the nerve to stick to their 1956 platform declaration for the union shop. But "Weaslin' Willie" Knowland persuaded them they didn't have the nerve.

### BTC: Unions must choose open purse or open shop

Unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council have a clear choice of alternatives confronting them. They can choose the open purse or the open shop.

If they fail to open up those purses and contribute to the fight against the socalled "right to work" compulsory open shop initiative on the November ballot, they are in effect choosing to work under the impossible conditions of the open shop.

This was the urgent theme, though stated in varying terms, at the meeting this week of the Building Trades Council.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers pointed out that the campaign in Alameda County against "right to work" is already under way, with a director, John Churchill, working full time, but that it is still impossible to budget the campaign expense exactly, because many unions have been slow in getting their contributions in, or in definitely pledging what the amount of the contribution is to be.

"If you can't get the money in now, get your definite pledge in, so there'll be no uncertainty, and

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ance at a meeting of the various groups at which it was agreed that such a charter amendment was advisable.

The proposal was stimulated by the fact that a majority of the Oakland City Council has agreed to put on the ballot a proposal to give the city firemen and policemen a 3.7% wage increase and an annual salary adjustment formula.

Hansen said that unions had

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### Profit-making medical bnd in hiding from strike spokesmen

Representatives of unions which are subscribers to the Kaiser Health Plan and utilize the Kaiser Hospital joined the negotiators for the striking members of Office Employees 29 this week in an effort to smoke out the profit-making corporation of physicians entrenched behind the non-profit-making plan and hospital organization.

The union negotiators have for some time been foiled in all efforts to break through the futilities of dealing with the Kaiser Service negotiators, the same group which negotiates for the Kaiser Corporation industrial interests.

Negotiating with these spokesmen is futile, the union and the Central Labor Council representatives backing them feel, because the Kaiser negotiators are not authorized to make or accept any firm offers. They have to refer everything to a committee of three doctors representing the private corporation of medicos which contracts to give medical service to the hospital and the plan.

Reports of high profits and big expense accounts of members of this private medical corporation have stirred to heightened indignation the 250 striking members of Local 29 who feel that

this private corporation hidden behind the much publicized non-profit-making hospital and plan has been given them the run-around for years.

"Their policy is to keep on taking in new workers at the lowest scale permitted in our contract, and then when these workers reach the point where they are entitled to higher pay to make life so uncomfortable for them that they quit," said one of the strikers.

The complaint voiced by the spokesmen for unions which subscribe to the plan and hospital service is that whoever these ruling doctors are, they keep labor relations in such a turmoil that proper full service to the subscribers to the plan is interrupted. This is the second time the office force had found it necessary to strike, and relations are persistently bad.

The Kaiser Corporation negotiators who represent the medical bnd in the negotiations keep insisting on Office Employees 29 accepting in advance any contract made with another union the great majority of whose members do an entirely different kind of work. The members of Local 29 are medical secretaries

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### Knowland has Grand Old Party tie his smelly skunk outside

The Republicans held their State convention in Sacramento over the weekend, and had a fine debate over what to do with Senator Knowland's pet skunk, the "right to work" proposal.

Senator Knowland, running (or creeping) for Governor, wanted to tie the skunk outside, and have no mention of it in the party's platform.

Governor Knight, who was chased out of the gubernatorial race with Senator Knowland's trusty shotgun, wished to shoot the skunk, and have the Grand Old Party stick with its oldtime endorsement of the union shop.

Senator Knowland won out. He explained to the party stalwarts, confused and divided by the smell of his pet quadruped and the reverberant echoes of his shotgun, that unity was the all important commodity to be purchased at any price.

So the platform committee, guided by men like Assemblyman Levering, considered the most aggressively anti-labor man in the Legislature, and others, worked out in a resolution the discovery that "the people of the State . . . have placed upon the ballot a measure commonly re-

ferred to as the 'right to work' initiative . . . The issue is, therefore, the responsibility of no political party, but rather an issue which by law is the responsibility of the people."

Wouldn't do to get in the way of the people, of course, so despite Knight's insistence that this would be going back on the pledge of 1956 to back the union shop, the consensus seemed to be that there was nothing new in the Grand Old Party going back on a pledge, or separating itself from the people. So it went through and the Knowland skunk was tied outside.

Knowland explained, though MORE on page 7

### GOP FEARS DEMOS WILL DO WHAT THE GOP DID!

If the Democrats can capture legislative control this year or in the 1960 elections, they would be in position to gerrymander the state in such a fashion as to shut out GOP contenders for the next decade both in congressional and State Assembly elections.—Sunday Knave, Aug. 3

Register, get your friends registered to vote to save your union in November!

# HOW TO BUY

## Collectors get trickier

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Some professional bill collectors are getting pretty tricky and even are fooling legitimate accountants into participating in their stratagems.

Legitimate accountants auditing accounts of business firms often send letters to debtors asking them to verify that they do owe the bills as the creditor claims. This is normal procedure. But now, a public-spirited accountant reports, collection agencies are using fake "audits" to trap debtors who may have fallen behind for understandable reasons, especially in a time of unemployment as now.

The collectors enlist the aid of bona fide accountants by supplying them with forms to send to debtors when they audit creditors' accounts. When the debtor returns the notice verifying that he owes the money, a copy goes to the bill collector. This way the collector learns which accounts may be past due, and pursues the debtor in order to cut himself in on a collection fee.

A tricky collection agency even may conceal its identity by calling itself the "audit department" of some credit organization. Our informant advises that one way you can tell a bona fide auditor is that he always includes a postpaid, self-addressed envelope, and requests that the verification be sent back to him, not the creditor.

Both credit-union experts and labor - union lawyers recently have pointed out to their members that you don't have to take a pushing-around from high-pressure collectors. For the fake "audit" is only one of the many deceptive methods used to locate, pressure and embarrass debtors.

Collectors sometimes cloak themselves under names which sound as though they are Government or other official agencies, as the Federal Trade Commission recently complained in the case of the "United States Association of Credit Bureaus." This collection agency even carried on its stationery an official-looking U.S. insignia.

Other collection agencies that sound official but are not, include "Federal Credit Bureau," the "Credit Information Bureau" and "National Clearance Bureau." These last two outfits even maintained a mailing office in Washington, D. C. The FTC says they sent letters suggesting that

a government agency is officially advising the debtor that he will receive a sum of money if he sends his present address, name of his bank, etc. Another collection outfit has used the name "Meridian Reserve Fund," and a similar promise that money will be sent, to get information from debtors. These outfits kept their promises all right. They sent debtors who replied a check for ten cents.

As well as stores, doctors, correspondence schools and others who sell services on credit use collection agencies. Not by a long shot are all delinquent debtors people trying to evade honest obligations. Many are innocents who got suckered through misrepresentations into correspondence courses, high-priced encyclopedias, overpriced credit clothing, furniture and jewelry.

The main reason why debtors fall behind is unemployment, reports the American Collectors Association. But sometimes families withhold payments because goods were not as represented, or were delivered in poor condition. One woman found her newly-bought furniture broken when delivered. She notified the store and held up payment for a month. The credit outfit immediately went after her with a summons.

### AUXILIARY MEMBERS: YOUR HELP'S NEEDED!

There's a great need for help in Room 114, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, where union lists are being checked to find out who's not registered.

There's no more immediate and urgent way to serve the cause of unionism than to volunteer to help in this work.

### Look relaxed in snapshot

There's no law that says you have to stand for your picture. Relax by sitting on the grass or on the sand of the beach. If you're more at ease when leaning on an elbow—lean.

Watching the birdie is great, but if doing so causes you to squint from the sun, have the man with the camera take a profile shot.

Your picture will reproduce a "slimmer Sally" if you don't stand directly facing the camera, but stand at an angle. Try it.

### Flour for flavor

Flavor a large piece of boneless meat for pot roasting by rubbing it with three tablespoons of flour, one tablespoon of salt, and generous dashes of pepper and paprika. Use the flour mixture that is left over for gravy.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

300,000 CHILDREN, 10 per cent of the 3,000,000 children in California schools, are probably suffering from some form of mental or emotional disturbance, was one estimate given by an expert witness at a recent hearing of the State Senate Interim Committee on Education.

Of course there was applause when Senator Williams, Porterville Republican, asked:

"How many of the 10 per cent emotionally disturbed children could be corrected if they had a good spanking?"

Easy to say, easy to applaud, but the problem is much more complicated and real than that.

A THREE-YEAR-OLD BOY in Milwaukee, Wis., spent three hours hiking four miles to the factory where he knew his mother was working, and explained to the guard at the gate: "I want to see Mommy. She forgot to kiss me goodnight."

She was fetched, kissed him, and phoned to her husband to take him home.

That little episode illustrates the confusing conditions under which many of our children are reared, with both parents away from home much of the time keeping up what is known as "the highest standard of living in the world."

"300,000 CHILDREN in California need help," the comment of Senator Dilworth, Hemet Republican, comes nearer to the truth than Senators Williams' remark.

But much of that help will have to be given in the home.

### Strong bleach ruins clothes

If your pretty blouses, dresses, or shirts suddenly seem to fall apart, take care. You have been using too strong a laundry bleach in your wash.

According to a textile chemist, women should watch for tags on wrinkle or crease-resistant materials which say, "Do not bleach." The chlorine found in most bleaching agents, he explained, can, if used in too strong a solution, weaken fabrics so that they pop holes eventually at the touch of an iron.

Never let such clothes hang outside in the sun for long periods of time. Sunlight weakens fabrics, because it has the same bleaching, weakening effect on the materials that chlorine does.

### Defrosting

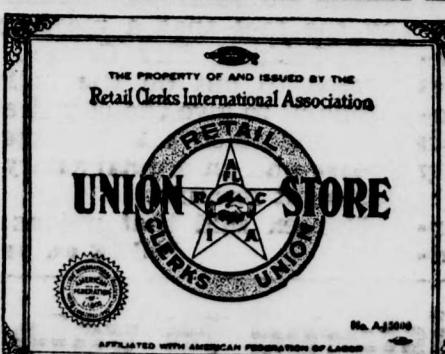
Defrost food freezer by attaching vacuum cleaner hose to blower end, and lay the end of the hose in the freezer. Close door as far as you can. You can clean freezer and return the food before it has had a chance to thaw.

### Talcum helps

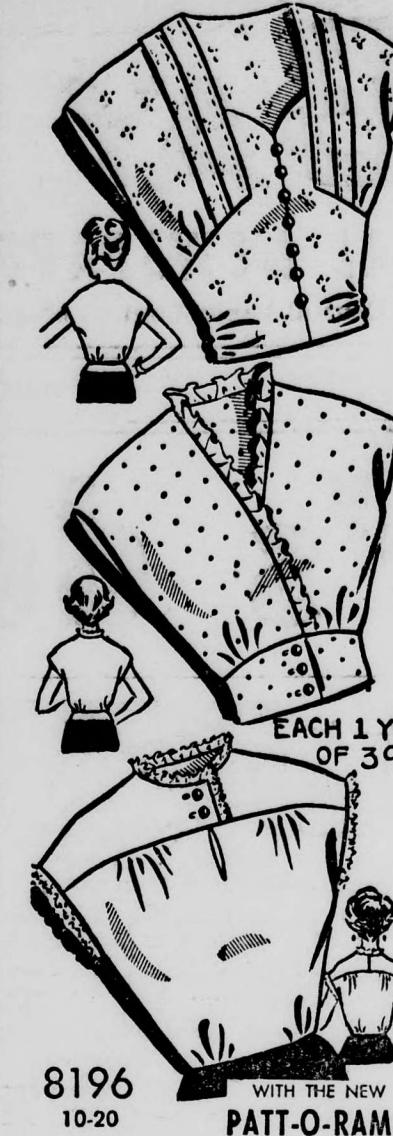
To remove grease spots from tablecloths, dust a little talcum powder on the stain. Let it set for an hour, then dust off. The powder will absorb the grease.

## BOOST THE LABEL! BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfittering work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



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### More protein, less calories

Calorie watchers can eat more meat and still not be afraid of gaining excess pounds because a recent study determined that meat contains more protein and less calories.

Today's labor-saving devices require less physical activity during both working and leisure time, thus making a lower calorie intake necessary. Although we need fewer calories, our bodies still need ample protein.

Farmers and ranchers are now processing a lean type beef animal which will produce a meat with less calories to meet the consumers' needs. Processors and meat packers have also trimmed meat to remove much of the visible fat.

Until recently, meat was considered high in calorie content because studies conducted on the nutritive value of meat was on the entire portion which included the outer rim of fat.

Studies have now shown that most meat eaters trim the visible portion of fat from the meat thus reducing the calorie intake and pounds gained by the consumer.

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

REMEMBER THE TIME when we used to have those outdoor barbecue things? You know, an elaborate stove thing on rollers where you lit charcoal with an electric lighter and turned a roast with an electrically driven spit?

Father did all this. Wearing a chef's cap and a very funny apron, he stood, fork in hand, while the guests sat around in an admiring circle, as he prodded the foil-wrapped potatoes, inspected the roast on the spit, or called to the kitchen to see if all was in readiness in that department as the dramatic moment had come when he was going to put on the steaks.

On Sunday afternoons, whole subdivisions reeked of burning meat, and half the inhabitants dined off various cuts of meat black and charred on the outside, and quite uncooked within.

Mother stayed in the kitchen where she defrosted and heated the peas, whipped up a salad, and sometimes, if she were a very wise hostess, saw to it that there was a plate of cold ham, or a dish of hot frankfurters, or some other side dish, for those who might "prefer" these things to the burned steaks or raw chicken so gaily prepared by father.

Well, everyone had a wonderful time and father, be he a good chef or bad—and a few were good—basked in the compliments of his genial guests.

But father was totally exhausted. Standing over a hot stove—or barbecue pit—was hard work! He couldn't be expected to help with the dishes, could he? after all he'd gone through.

He found that cooking was—is—hard work. So what does he do? He very ingeniously moves the whole thing back into the kitchen!

Now all the newest stoves have a "barbecue pit", a cavity in the top of the stove, with an electrically turned spit, where the chicken may be roasted by gas or electricity, doing away with all the fuss and bother of that dirty charcoal—an uncertain fuel at best.

And oh, yes. It is no trick at all for mother to keep an eye on it while she bakes the potatoes, defrosts the peas, whips up the salad, and sets the table.

And what are kitchens for, anyway? For cooking in, aren't they?

### 'Clouding' in the iced tea

"Clouding" in iced tea is caused by precipitation which occurs when iced tea reaches a certain degree of coldness. It does not impair the flavor or quality of the tea. "Clouding" can be removed by adding enough boiling water to the tea to restore its crystal clearness. Remember, iced tea should not be refrigerated. It will hold its flavor and quality three to four hours after preparation.

### A few stitches save time

Just a few stitches that reinforce a new garment often pay dividends in making it wear longer and keep its good looks. What's more, they can save lengthy, difficult mending jobs later. If they need reinforcing, the efficient time to do it is when they are new.

## BURNETTS NEW LUCKY'S

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## McClellan asking Hoffa to explain things in Detroit

The McClellan committee, armed with Senate authority to spend an additional \$250,000 for its work between now and January 1, 1959, opened a new round of hearings into Detroit's linen and overall industries.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) in an opening statement said the new hearings would inquire into whether racketeers had established a "base of operations" in these industries, and the part played by "certain key officials" of the Teamsters in the Detroit area.

McClellan said Teamster President James R. Hoffa, scheduled for a reappearance before the committee after August 4, would be questioned about what actions he had taken in the way of "either curbing or condoning the activities of these Teamster officials." He said Hoffa also would be asked about "a number of other subjects of interest to the committee."

Meanwhile, the Hotel and Restaurant Workers, whose Chicago officials had been accused by the Senate committee of having negotiated "sweetheart" contracts, appropriated \$50,000 to finance its own investigation of the charges.

President Ed S. Miller said the union's executive board was polled by wire and approved the action to provide funds to employ additional personnel who will conduct an inventory of all working agreements negotiated by 11 Chicago locals.

Following an all-day meeting at the union's Cincinnati headquarters with a four-man union committee appointed to take charge of the Chicago cleanup, Miller said a third Chicago-area local—Soda Fountain Workers Local of Cicero—had been placed in trusteeship. The local shares headquarters with Local 450, placed under trusteeship earlier when two of its officials resigned and then pleaded the Fifth Amendment during questioning by the McClellan committee.—AFLCIO News.

## Veteran maritime unionist passes

William J. McCourt, veteran maritime unionist, died in San Francisco, following a long illness. He was 80.

Brother McCourt was a charter member of the old Marine, Cooks and Stewards Union. In the late 1940's he led the rebellion which resulted in the granting of a charter to the Marine Cooks and Stewards, AFLCIO by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

Brother McCourt was provisional secretary of the present MCS-AFL-CIO from 1951 to 1957. At the time of his death he was retired on pension.

The MCS-AFL won collective bargaining rights for more than 6000 members of the stewards division in 1955. The winning campaign was strongly backed by the California State Federation of Labor.—State Federation Newsletter.

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### COPE MEETING AUG. 12 TO DISCUSS THE PICNIC

Ernie Perry of the Steelworkers, speaking for Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE), reminds all members of the executive committee of that body and all delegates to it that there will be a meeting Tuesday evening, August 12 in the Labor Temple. Not just executive board members but all delegates are urged to attend. The meeting will be in Hall G on the third floor.

The annual picnic to raise funds for Federal political battles has been set for October 5 at Roberts Park, and urgent business to discuss at the meeting is the efficient distribution of tickets.

## Teamo 70 won top pact, says G. King

Terms of the settlement under which members of Teamsters Local 70 went back to work this week, thus ending their strike which began July 25, are so good, George King, head of the negotiating committee for all the striking locals, told the press, that . . .

"There is not a Teamster agreement like it in the United States. We got everything we wanted that the employer could stand economically and not cause hardship to the community."

The one-year agreement affects 5,000 members of various locals in Northern California, 2,000 of them in Local 70.

Terms: \$1.60 a day increase across the board for all classifications, 10% differential for night shift, 3 weeks vacation after 3 years, and 26 added fringe benefits.

## Every 3d family hit by recession

One third of the families in America, or close to 60,000,000 persons, have been hit by the recession—either by loss of jobs or loss in income. That conclusion, which official figures neglect to show, was made by the Elmo Roper organization on the basis of questions asked of a national cross-section of the population. Furthermore, the Roper organization reported in its Public Pulse release of July 19, approximately half of the families of low income have suffered a setback in their already low standard of living.

What job statistics do not show are the millions of people, who, while still at work, have suffered cuts in pay or overtime. They do not, for example, reveal the number of factory workers who have dropped from a five-day week plus overtime to a four- or three-day week. Yet such people, the Roper survey points out, represent a group that is more than twice as large as those actually unemployed.

Yet the Eisenhower-Nixon-Adams Administration gaily promises that things will be better by Christmas, it hopes.—AFLCIO—COPE.

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## Star of Alaska is not official yet

After the Central Labor Council delegates this week had made the ceremonial salute to the flag, President Al Brown asked if they had noticed how clean and nice the flag was.

"We bought a new one" he explained. Then the inevitable question came up: "Has it got the 49th star on it?"

## Hayes, Auto Machinists, stresses Forand measure

A. J. Hayes, Automotive Machinists 1546, at the Central Labor Council meeting this week called attention to the importance of unions getting hold of their Congressmen and stressing the need to have the Forand bill passed at this session.

The Forand bill helps retired workers get proper medical care, which they now can't afford.

## But the mule has made no comment

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Dick Groulx, back from a vacation, told the delegates:

"Of course, I couldn't say I ENJOYED my vacation, because what I did was to take a mule up into a mountain valley. It isn't exactly enjoyment, but it is a very rich experience."

### News for "Back to Class"

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# Strikers struggle with Kaiser's hid corporate medicos

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and office employees with special skills.

Ann Hollingsworth, a business representative of Local 29, told the Central Labor Council this week:

"They've made some attempt at it before, but this time they're definitely trying to break up our union."

Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, sat in at prolonged negotiations held Tuesday at which once more the same old "basic objectives" of the Kaiser Corporation spokesmen representing the medicos' band were voiced.

"They have to say 'basic objectives' so often," Groulx told the CLC delegates the night before, "that now they shorten it down and say just 'B. O.', which I for one consider very appropriate, for they certainly do stink."

Arthur Hellender, a CLC assistant secretary, was present at the meeting Tuesday, and presented a protest from the Alameda County Labor Health & Welfare Council, of which he is secretary, against the bad service given by the interlocking institutions because of the medical band's hidden bad handling of labor relations.

Spokesmen for subscribing unions who presented protests included Ed Raggio, Steelworkers; Bill Stumpf, Steel Machinists; Jack Austin, Typographical Union; Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers; Al Hansen, Electricians 1245; and Pat Sander and Jack Faber, Cooks 228.

At the session Tuesday the union proposed that a small committee from each side work for a week trying to reach a settlement, with an agreement in advance of what points would go to arbitration if nothing were achieved in that week; the strikers to go back to work during the week's intensive negotiations and the arbitration if this preliminary agreement on the points to be arbitrated were made.

Whether or not the pervasive odor of "B. O." would prevent this wasn't known. The Kaiser Corporation spokesmen were going back to the hidden medicos' committee to find out.

The strikers have throughout permitted emergency service to be given, and have manned skeleton crews.

Three very able rank and file strikers attended the Tuesday and other sessions along with President John Kinnick and Miss Hollingsworth. The three are: Marion March, Irene Rust, and Doris Reich.

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## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

This business office has made arrangements to secure pamphlets on Job Safety Practices, which will be mailed to you in the near future. Please read this information carefully and retain it for future reference.

In order to work safely, you must use good judgment and common sense. Accidents are caused by lack of knowledge, inattention and thoughtlessness. By thinking and practicing safety in your work, ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED. Know how to do your job. Look over your work first to determine the possible hazards. Do not expose yourself by taking chances, or by using unsafe methods, tools or equipment. If you do not know how, or are in doubt of the safe way to do your job, ask your foreman. Safety is your First job, without Safety, your Last job.

The office would like to remind you, if you or your family have not registered to do so so that you may vote in the general election on November 3.

Our next meeting will be held on September 4, 1958. Please plan to attend.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

After many months of effort, an agreement was finally reached with Reinhard & Co. of Redwood City, relative to the back wage claims that the union had taken to the Labor Commissioner on behalf of the members of the union involved.

After several unsatisfactory offers from Reinhard & Co. to settle were refused by the union and the members involved, the amount of \$740.00 for back wages was finally agreed upon as being satisfactory to the union and the members involved.

We can now say that another of our unfinished matters is closed.

One of the "unfinished" problems is the Mutual Watch Institute of America controversy, although we can report two more successful jobs of elimination of their \$6.95 watch repair signs in drug stores. One was the Nordwick pharmacy located at 1444 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, and the other the E & W drug store at 2800 Harder Road in Hayward.

We again want to ask the members to be on the lookout for these signs in all areas and also request that the members who live in the areas of the above mentioned drug stores, or any other store where we have reported elimination of the \$6.95 watch repair sign, to re-check these stores and report immediately to the union office should they again appear.

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## Sunshine Biscuit strike won soon!

Bakery & Confectionery Workers Local 125 members at the Sunshine Biscuit Company, 851 81st Avenue, Oakland, were back at work very promptly this week after a one-day strike which resulted in an agreement accepted by the strikers.

Secretary Henry Simpson said that a minimum wage advance of 11 cents went to everyone in the plant across the board; shippers and receivers 14 cents; women machine operators 16 cents.

Paid jury duty time is a new feature. Vacations will now be 3 weeks after 10 years instead of after 12 years, effective the first of this year, which means that some 75 workers will get the benefit of this clause this year. As of January 1 next year, workers there 25 years will get 4-week vacations, affecting some 15 or 20 persons.

There are 650 workers at the plant.

## Dave Dubinsky is praised by Meany

WASHINGTON — The "score card" of David Dubinsky's achievements "is so long and impressive" that it would be impossible to single out one for special praise, AFL-CIO President George Meany declared in a radio broadcast marking his friend's 25th anniversary as president of the Ladies Garment Workers.

The tribute to Dubinsky, an AFL-CIO vice president, was heard on "The Eternal Light" program sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary and broadcast by the National Broadcasting Co.

It dramatized highlights of his life from his youthful service in his father's bakery in Lodz, Poland, to his present role as one of the country's outstanding citizens.—AFL-CIO News.

## Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

Brother Al Thoman made it quite clear last week as to why an increase in union dues is necessary if the local carpenter unions are to continue to function. In the last three years the District Council has increased the carpenters weekly wages by seventeen dollars a week, plus four dollars a week on vacation and four dollars a week toward a pension.

This is a darn nice return for the small increase in dues that is proposed. The employers as a group have never willingly given a raise out of the goodness of their hearts to the best of my knowledge.

I can still remember when I got out of high school and was lucky enough to find a job. The boss told me just what he was going to pay me and if I didn't like it he could have easily got someone else to take the job. Under union conditions a man knows what he is going to receive when he goes to work. The contract also helps the boss in that he has a basis for figuring the cost of a job—and his competitors figure on the same basis.

In short I can not see how any union man would fail to support the needs of his organization.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

## Carpenters 36

By OSCAR N. ANDERSON

Carpenter's Local 36 as we told you last week has announced a series of three social-political nights, starting August 15, 1958. On account of the importance of the matter, we are reminding you again.

Each meeting will combine entertainment, an outstanding political candidate, a current report on the fight against the "Right-to-work" (Proposition 18) with refreshments and a social hour. All members, and their wives, relatives and friends are invited.

The first meeting will be held Friday, August 15 at Carpenter's Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, beginning at 8 p.m. sharp with Jeffery Cochran, labor candidate from the 7th Congressional District, speaking.

Entertainment will be of particular interest because the special committee in charge of the affairs promises local talent from among the Carpenters and their families. Committee members are Wayne Hultgren, Al Thoman and C. E. Risley.

Carpenters Local 36 is calling for entertainment talent from among its members and families for the coming special meetings. Please call TWInoaks 3-3733 or LUCerne 2-2707.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

There was a very small attendance at our meeting July 3, due no doubt to the week end holiday. It was a pity too, for the hostess Elizabeth Fee and Ermine Sullivan went to a great effort for us. Elizabeth had several floral displays of red, white and blue, and huge mock firecrackers in the background, and the table setting and dessert of strawberries, vanilla ice cream and blue candles were carried out in the same motif.

Summertime is a grand time but it has its problems too, such as ants for instance, to get rid of them, use Grants Ant Control, why Grants, it carries the "Union Label" that's why.

Convention time is close at hand, our sister Auxiliary 21, across the bay, is hostess for the fifty-second convention of Woman's International Auxiliary to I.T.U. and extends a warm welcome and hopes as many as possible can and will attend the sessions. They are planning a Golden Gate Luncheon, Tuesday, August 19, at the Mart Club, 1355 Market street, walking distance from Larkin Hall, the convention meeting place. Many of us plan to attend, would be nice if we all could.

Sally Wyatt, husband and son spent their vacation in Miami Beach, Fla. Mr. Wyatt's hometown.

Mary Stapleton and hubby have been entertaining their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sempell, and grandson Russell the month of July. Mary says the household chores are taking a back seat, watching Russell's antics are an all day affair. Mr. Sempell is principal of the Lower Lake County School.

Our Mabel Patterson would welcome cards at the Essex Home, 1831 10th Ave., Oakland.

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## Committee of 1000 needed to win war on 'right to work'

To carry on the war in Alameda County against socalled "right to work" and win it in the November 4 election a Committee of One Thousand is needed.

Moreover, to show how urgent the need is, it is found by checking the union lists that in some unions only 50%, or even less, of the members, are registered.

John Churchill, manager of the Alameda County campaign against the open shop measure, called "Employer-Employee Relations" officially and listed as Proposition 18, was the one who stressed the need for a Committee of One Thousand.

And Jack Tobler, assigned by the United Auto Workers to work full time daily on the registration project, stressed that situation at the same Central Labor Council meeting.

Tobler said that in many instances in going over union lists he finds that wives of members are registered, but the men are not.

"I am shocked to learn how many union members are not registered," said Tobler. "We can't win the fight unless we're ready to vote. And the deadline for registration is getting very close: it is September 11."

Another point brought up by Tobler is: What are the union officers going to do about it when they get the list of their unregistered members back? Are they really going to try to get them registered, or are they going to let their part in the all-important struggle go by default?"

Both Churchill and Tobler, as well as CLC Assistant Secretary Art Hellender, said the need for volunteer workers is already very great.

Tobler is working in Room 114, Labor Temple. He welcomes anyone who can help check lists, or do any of the innumerable odds and ends of clerical work underway.

Churchill's office is at 327 17th Street, Oakland, telephone Higate 4-2664.

Churchill is distributing pledges to those who think they can line up persons who will volunteer to contribute various special kinds of assistance.

"And when we ask you to do something, don't make us beg you," says Churchill. "Accept the job, and do it!"

## They get more than ever but it isn't as much as it used to be, Park says

Purchasing power of the take-home pay of factory workers in the San Francisco-Oakland area increased in June, but remained below a year ago, Edward P. Park, California Director of Industrial Relations announces.

Gross earnings before deductions rose to an all-time high of 99.22 per week in June 1958. This was \$2.72 per week higher than a year ago, and represented an increase of 2.8 percent.

After allowing for increased tax deductions and the rise in consumer prices in the past year, the purchasing power of the average pay check for a factory worker with 3 dependents was 1.7 percent below a year ago.

Purchasing power of factory worker earnings was off nearly 4 percent from the September 1956 peak.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting a month during August, and September. This will be held on the first Thursday of each of those months.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. The Labor Temple address has been changed from 1541 to 1050 Mattox Road.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Stewards Committee will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., August 21, 1958.

Educational Committee will meet at 8 p.m., August 27, 1958.

Carpenters Local 36 announces in another column a series of three social political nights.

All brothers are urged to attend a special meeting, August 22, 1958, for a referendum vote on a one dollar raise in dues. All carpenters have just received a 12½ cents an hour increase in wages and our dues structure has remained the same for many years. The cost of running a union increases the same as the cost of living. You should be reminded that the Carpenters are paying less dues than even the Laborers.

You should also be cognizant of the fact that your District Council has been sponsoring a tremendous load of work, under its health and welfare, vacations and pension plans. Please consider these many benefits that all carpenters have received in the past few years, and give this matter your most careful consideration.

The meeting of August 29 has been cancelled because of the holiday.

Fraternally,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at Union headquarters at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 will hold a special called meeting on Friday, August 15, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Ave., Oakland.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the Brotherhood convention and to vote on a proposed raise in dues and per capita taxes. Refreshments after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The meeting called for August 15 coming up promises to be a hot one. Further dope on the subject on the post card you will get from this office soon.

The figures on the check registered members of our local in Alameda County aren't too bad, but they could be better. Don't put off registering. Do it now, and hit for the polls come the November election. All indications point up to the fact that we will need every vote that can be had to defeat the lousy proposal called the "right to work" and numbered 18 on the ballots.

Here is another item you should take care of. Recently we sent you the financial report of L. U. 1178 in a sealed envelope with a return address. And up to date we have gotten several of them back mostly with this notation "moved and left no address." Will you members report this on the job? It would be of much help if you would do this.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

A special membership meeting has been called for August 9 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, to take action on the urgent appeals of the State Federation of Labor and the Alameda County Central Labor Council for campaign funds to defeat Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" measure.

Fraternally yours,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

## S. F. OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk St., San Francisco, California on Sunday afternoon, August 10, 1958 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
HORACE STAFFORD,  
Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, August 7, at 8:00 p.m. Executive board meets 6:30 p.m.

Special called meeting Sunday, August 10, at 10:30 a.m. Agenda: Consideration of possible double dues for 3 months to augment the State and local fight against Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" measure.

Fraternally,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of the local will be Thursday, August 14, 1958. This is a regular meeting, the past meetings have been very interesting, and the members have been very active on things that were brought up to be discussed.

In this election year members should come down more often and find out what important propositions are on the ballot and for whom and why we should vote.

Take Proposition No. 18 "right to work" bill. Let's talk this one over and VOTE NO!

### SPECIAL NOTE:

Be sure you and your wives and all your friends are registered to vote. The deadline is September 11, 1958. If you are not registered you can't vote.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## Ex-convict Teamo business agent is gangsters' victim

The Teamsters, under fire from AFLCIO President George Meany, Senate Committee Chairman McClellan, and one of the brotherhood's Federal Court monitors who claims he was offered \$100,000 to play footsy with President James R. Hoffa, ran into more public relations trouble this week.

Frank Kierdorf, ex-convict business agent for Flint, Mich., Teamo Local 332, turned up at a hospital in Pontiac horribly burned from head to foot, stating that two unknown persons took him for a ride, poured gasoline over his head, and then set him on fire, leaving him writhing on the ground, but later returning to dump him at the hospital.

Kierdorf took the Fifth repeatedly at a McClellan hearing last November. He served, according to United Press, four years of a two-to-six year prison term for burglaries and holdups. He was sentenced in 1941 and paroled in 1945.

Kierdorf's uncle, Herman Kierdorf, informed the authorities shortly after Frank Kierdorf arrived at the hospital that he had just received a death threat over the phone. Herman Kierdorf, described by United Press as "a former business agent for Teamsters Joint Council 32 in Detroit and an aide of Teamster President James R. Hoffa," was also, United Press continued, a "part of the robbery gang and in 1941 began a 15-year term for the \$23,000 holdup of a Cleveland bank messenger."

**Labor councils of entire state join in anti-RW meet**

Coordination of statewide attempts to combat Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" initiative, was discussed at a special meeting held in San Francisco under sponsorship of the California State Federation of Labor.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation, presided over the meeting, which was opened by State Federation President Thomas L. Pitts and attended by representatives of all AFL councils in the state.

State CIO officials also participated in the day-long conference. The California State Federation and the California CIO Industrial Union Council are now in the process of merging their state organizations.

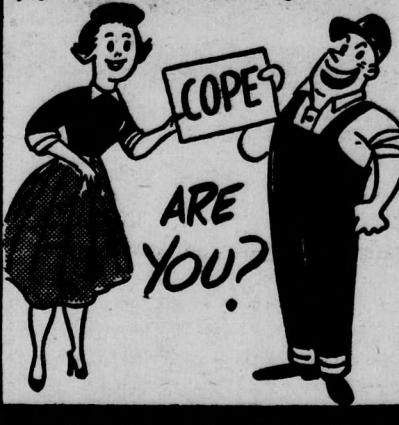
Cooperative efforts between the State Federation and the California Citizens' Committee against Proposition 18 to help reject the measure were outlined by Curtis Roberts, state director of the Citizens' Committee.

The agenda of the meeting covered methods by which the "growing non-union opposition on the part of voters in every walk of life can make itself felt in the fight to defeat once more this fraudulent proposal," Haggerty said.

Conference sessions were held in the Fairmont Hotel. — State Federation Newsletter.

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## Brown whacks GOP for maneuvers to avoid stand on RW

Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor, has accused Republican party officials of trying to "have their conscience and eat it, too." Brown spoke at a meeting of Los Angeles County assembly district chairmen and special coordinators of the Brown for Governor campaign at the Sheraton-Town House in Los Angeles.

He called the intention of the California GOP to evade any stand on the right to work issue a "spineless political fraud."

"I charge current maneuverings by GOP leaders to avoid having to face up to the so-called right to work issue at their state convention constitute the most spineless political fraud ever contemplated against the people of this state. I want to serve notice that I will expose their cowering in every part of California in the coming campaign."

"I also charge the senator is afraid to try to fly from the mast of his own party the only proposal he has made in his campaign. He fears his single issue will be repudiated by the official GOP convention and thus kill even within the inner councils of his own party his badly mangled national ambitions."

"The senator's attempts during the distraction of recent headlines to force Republican leaders to duck a stand on his only issue is a disservice to his party, and unbefitting to him. His personal qualities have been severely corroded in the frustration of his own ambition."

There seems to be need to remind the senator, with his advocacy of the so-called right to work issue, and the other GOP candidates, with their opposition to it, that as with cake, they cannot eat their conscience and have it, too."

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## Big Typographical convention opens next week in S. F.

Elmer Brown, who took office as president of the International Typographical Union July 15 to succeed retiring President Woodruff Randolph will preside over the union's 100th convention in San Francisco, August 16-22.

Local Typographical and Mailer unions throughout the continent and Hawaii have elected more than 400 delegates to the legislative assembly of organized printers and mailers.

In addition, hundreds of visitors, including many former delegates, are also expected to attend the convention sessions and participate in the social activities planned by the California host locals.

The 1958 ITU convention is being co-sponsored by San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21 and San Francisco-Oakland Mailers Union No. 18.

General chairman of the local convention committee is Norman Price of the San Francisco union, with Duncan Ross of Mailers local serving as co-chairman.

President Jack Austin of Oakland Local 36, serving as chairman of the East Bay local convention committee, announces that on August 18 there will be a variety show in the Oakland Auditorium Theater for the entertainment of delegates, international officers and convention visitors.

All business sessions of the week-long assembly which opens on Saturday morning and continues through the following Friday are to be held in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

Convention offices of the ITU Executive Council and staff members will be opened August 10 in the Whitcomb hotel, which has been designated as the official headquarters hotel.

The ITU convention was held in 1949 in Oakland, and Joe W. Chaudet of East Bay Labor Journal was general chairman of the local convention committee.

\$540,000 BACK WAGES were collected in California in past fiscal year through labor law violations uncovered by Federal Wage-Hour investigators.

**HANDSOME IN THE NEW STYLE** is the new Union Service Center of Auto Workers Local 887 in Los Angeles given an award by the American Institute of Architects at its recent convention in Cleveland, one of 14 structures in all parts of the country to receive the distinction. Shown is the auditorium, which has a flexible area for overflow or smaller meetings.

## Farmers circular takes union stand

Copies of a farmer circular against so-called "right to work" measures were mailed to all affiliates from headquarters of the California State Federation of Labor.

Published by the National Farmers Union, a grower organization, the four-page circular said "wreck" proposals should be termed "compulsory open shop" legislation.

The farmer policy statement declared.

"To protect their right to organize and to speak for their entire membership, various security clauses have been included in agreements reached across the bargaining table by representatives of labor and management. With membership security, the union is in a position to forge ahead toward solution of management-labor problems, instead of always having to be working on membership drives. Employers benefit in like manner because they are able to make future plans in a peaceful atmosphere."—State Federation Newsletter.

## Meany hits Teamo Alliances; says expulsion must be 'real'

The following, with the same headline as above, and with the same paragraphs in boldface as in this republishing of it, appeared in the August 2 AFLCIO News, official weekly publication of the AFLCIO:

AFLCIO President George Meany has declared that any alliance between an AFLCIO affiliate and the Teamsters that runs contrary to the federation's constitution or "gives aid and comfort" to those responsible for the Teamsters' expulsion is "detrimental to the welfare and interests" of all workers and the trade union movement.

As long as the Teamsters stand expelled from the AFLCIO for being dominated and controlled by corrupt influences, Meany said, the expulsion "should be real and meaningful."

His views on alliances with the Teamsters were set forth in a letter to William A. Lee, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, replying to an "anonymous editorial" in the June 7, 1958 issue of the Federation News published by the Chicago central body. The editorial was later reproduced in the Teamster magazine of the expelled union.

The editorial noted the then recently concluded agreement between Montgomery Ward and the Teamsters and Retail Clerks and said it is "essential to the people on the job to work with the Teamsters." It argued that the interests of the people on the job override the "real or imagined stigma attached to association with certain unions or their leadership," and that the Teamsters should be readmitted to the AFLCIO.

Meany, in his letter to Lee, agreed that the Teamsters belong back into the AFLCIO, writing that he looked forward to the day "when the members of the Teamsters Union who have been victims of shameless exploitation by some of their leaders will take the necessary steps . . . so that it can take its proper place in the AFLCIO."

The AFLCIO president read the record on the Teamsters starting with the "dishonesty, corruption and racketeering" presented to the McClellan Senate

committee. This exploitation, said Meany, was "real" not "imagined," as inferred in the Federation News editorial.

The AFLCIO Ethical Practices Committee, Meany reminded Lee, held a thorough investigation and found the Teamsters dominated and controlled by corrupt influences and in violation of the AFLCIO constitution.

Meany noted the various actions by the Executive Council ordering suspension of the Teamsters pending elimination of corrupt influences, the action of the Atlantic City convention Appeals Committee and the final step of expulsion by the convention.

"It is significant," he wrote, that throughout all of the hearings "no attempt was made by the Teamsters Union to meet directly any of the specific charges against it." He noted also the action of the Teamsters convention in expunging the Ethical Practices Committee report from its records after reading it and the union's rejection of all directives from the Executive Council.

In light of the evidence, Meany continued, and the provisions of the AFLCIO constitution, the labor movement is not being protected from corrupt influences when an AFLCIO affiliate maintains ties with a corruptly-dominated labor organization that are of such a nature as to assist the corrupt leadership to retain control or lessen the desire of union members to overthrow such corrupt leadership.

"If disaffiliation from the AFLCIO because of corrupt influences is to mean no more than the end of a need to pay per capita tax and disaffiliated unions are treated as though still affiliated, the high standards of honesty, integrity and trade union responsibility proclaimed by the AFLCIO are mere empty phrases, signifying nothing and constitute a fraud on

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## Open purse or you will get the open shop, BTC is told

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the campaign can be conducted in a practical sensible manner, was Childers insistence.

Norman Amundson, assistant to Campaign Director Churchill, was present, and reported that thousands of dollars had already been placed, cash on the barrel head, for advertisements, radio, billboards, etc., and that more expenses were coming up fast.

Last minute stuff is no good, Amundson warned. Everything is NOW in a fight of this sort. Intricate arrangements involving negotiations of length have to be made, plans have to be shaped with a sure knowledge of what the resources available are.

But it isn't only money, said Amundson, that is needed. Campaign Director Churchill is hammering home the fact that a Committee of One Thousand is needed to put this fight over.

In pursuance of this, Amundson distributed pledges which Churchill is asking to be filled out and signed—but signed only by those who intend to honor their signature by doing what is pledged, and who, when asked to make good on the pledge, won't have to be begged.

The pledge form says: "I will serve as a volunteer worker on the campaign against Proposition 18, the socalled Right to Work."

The name, address, and telephone number are then asked for, and the signer is asked to "check the activities you will undertake."

The activities are:

- House to house distribution of literature.
- Person to person contact by assigned area.
- Stenographic service.
- Typing bulletins, stencils, etc.
- Putting up banners.
- Distributing window cards and posters.
- Telephone dialing.
- Speaking or obtaining speakers.

Amundson had with him car stickers asking a NO vote on Proposition 18 which, he said, are expensive to produce, are visible at night, and will prove very effective, and which should be taken in the number that they will really and faithfully be used.

### VOTE FOR QUINN!

The delegates unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents that a systematic effort be made to help reelect Jim Quinn to the State Board of Equalization.

It was agreed that all affiliates of the council will be asked to remind their members of the importance of reelecting Quinn, and that the council here will get in touch with all building trades council in Quinn's district, which includes many counties, and ask them to work for Quinn.

Quinn, for many years a member of Steamfitters 342, formerly was president of the BTC here, was a member of the Oakland City Council, and for years was editor of East Bay Labor Journal.

### ELECT COHELAN!

It was voted to get in touch with the Metal Trades Council and ask for help in the campaign to elect Jeffery Cohelan to Congress in the 7th District, the one which includes Berkeley and has been held for years by a Republican.

Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers 302, is a Berkeley City Councilman, and has the endorsement of the Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE).

### BACK LOCAL COPE!

On motion of Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, the delegates voted to instruct their delegate at the State Labor League for Political Education, the AFL

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## AFLCIO shows that 'right to work' is no booster of pay

WASHINGTON—Claims by "right-to-work" supporters that such laws attract new industry and stimulate economic growth are exposed as false in a detailed analysis published in the AFL-CIO publication, Labor's Economic Review, for June-July.

"Instead, such legislation can actually hamper improvements in wages, hours and working conditions by weakening union organization and collective bargaining," the study concluded.

Anti-labor legislation, it pointed out, cannot create a labor supply, develop skilled labor, increase productivity, reduce living costs or expand markets—the real considerations which attract new industry to a state.

"Work" laws, the Review conceded, "may attract some anti-union low-wage companies in soft-goods industries, such as textile and shoe manufacturing," and other "cheap, sweatshop chiselers."

"But such firms," it said, "cannot provide healthy, varied industrial growth needed for sound economic expansion. Their low-wage policies depress consumer markets so necessary for healthy economic growth."

Comparing economic gains across the nation, the study found that the Western states of California, Oregon and Washington were among those experiencing the greatest progress—without "work" laws.

"On the other hand, economic progress slowed down in several states after they adopted 'right-to-work' laws—such as Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska and North Carolina," the survey found.

The Review also reported that, even for the low-wage and lower-priced textile, shoe and clothing plants, "work" laws "are not enough." A low-wage structure and a large supply of unskilled workers willing to work for low wages without unions must also be present in the area, it pointed out.

Attracting only low-wage firms of this kind, it said, "hammers continuing industrial growth." An area dependent upon just one type of industry, it explained, is economically unbalanced, the low-wage structure keeps buying power down, and such soft-goods industries are not rapidly growing but include many fly-by-night firms.

Illustrating the danger in depending wholly on soft-goods industries for industrial expansion, the Review pointed out that jobs in the textile industry have become fewer in the Southeastern states despite "work" legislation and efforts to attract textile firms.

In the Southern 'right-to-work' states, from Virginia to Texas, there were 85 textile mill liquidations between 1952 and mid-1957," it said. "These plants employed about 20,000 workers. In North Carolina, alone, 40 mills closed in this five-and-a-half-year period."—AFLCIO News.

'BUY IT IN GLASS' campaign of Glass Blowers Union and the glass industry has been reactivated. Recently a conference of the union and management representatives discussed the subject.

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## Knowland has Grand Old Party tie his smelly skunk outside

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not exactly in those words, that he'd loan the skunk to anyone who wished to take it around with him in the campaign, but Lieutenant Governor "Butch" Powers and others made it clear they were going to campaign without benefit of stink.

Meanwhile Knowland was busy explaining that "Buster Brown," by which our researchers tell us he meant Attorney General Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor, "and his imported Chicago machine-type political organization seek to impose a package deal on the historic Democratic party and the people of this State."

Knowland said he'd like to debate Brown, but Brown, hearing of this at his home in San Francisco, fired back the statement:

**I do not intend to let the Senator dictate my campaign strategy. If he is sincere about wanting to debate on a public platform, I am certain that Governor Knight—whom the Senator bludgeoned out of the Governor's office—will be glad to mount the rostrum with him in face-to-face debate on the issue of 'right-to-work.'**

Some of Brown's supporters were so mean as to declare that they figured Knowland's only hope of getting attention of the voters was to go around with the man who already had the

attention of the voters, Mr. Brown, and being a co-star in a "Buster Brown & Bulldozer Knowland" act.

So Knowland decided to split the AFL and CIO apart with one masterful onslaught of the bulldozer, and stated that "CIO-COPE is gaining control over . . . the historic Democratic Party. Their ultimate aim is to take over this State, Michigan fashion."

This in spite of the fact that Neil Haggerty of the AFL State Fed has been chasing Knowland and his pet skunk all over the State with bitter diatribes, and that Neil's right hand man, Jack Henning, was at the GOP convention at the request of a labor member of the GOP asking that the platform oppose the "right to work" scheme.

One Republican suddenly woke up and wanted to know what Jack Henning, a Democrat, was in there in the sacred precincts telling them what to do with their platform. Brother Jack said he wasn't there as a Democrat, but as an official representative of the AFL at the request of a Republican.

So the skunk got tied outside, and a good time was had by all except Don Thomas, who had to cerebrate meticulously for the Tribune a story explaining how calm and simple and natural it all was.

—LB

## Meany hits Teamo Alliances; says expulsion must be 'real'

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union members who are entitled to a clean union and look to the AFLCIO to help them have such a union."

He added:

"If disaffiliation is to mean little or nothing as a practical matter, we can expect that drastic restrictive legislation affecting clean unions as well as corruptly dominated ones will be enacted."

The expulsion of the Teamsters, Meany wrote, "can be lifted by the Executive Council at any time if it concludes that the corrupt influences have been eliminated. I hope that time is not long in coming. It need not be. In the hands of Teamster members and in the hands of those of their leaders who resent the stigma of corruption rests the re-entry of the Teamsters into the AFLCIO."

He concluded:

"It is my firm belief that any alliance between an affiliate of the AFLCIO and the Teamsters Union, which is contrary to the fundamental principles of the AFLCIO as expressed in its constitution or which gives aid and comfort to those responsible for the despoilation of the Teamsters Union is an alliance detrimental to the long-term welfare and interests of all workers and all unions affiliated to our movement."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: On page 8 will be found an editorial, "Pals-of-Hoffa issue faces AFLCIO August 15," commenting on the same article in the Chicago Federation News which President Meany answers. Our editorial was written before receipt of the AFLCIO News containing President Meany's statement.)

## CLC for charter wage clause

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been trying to bargain for months with the city for pay increases for various crafts, that even after the city manager recommended some increases to eliminate obvious inequities, a majority of the City Council turned them down, and that there was general agreement now that the proposed charter amendment was the thing to back.

Expenses of the special city election, which will be held in conjunction with the general November 4 election, will be met by a group of city employees, if the acceptance of such a gift by the city is found to be legal. Thoman said that while all

unions with which the matter was discussed favored the amendment, the spokesman for one group at a meeting on the subject said that city employees in general are "an ungrateful lot," and drop out of their union as soon as they get a pay rise.

Ed Reith, Municipal Employees, commented:

"Having sat through 3 months of negotiations with the Oakland City Council, I got prouder and prouder of being a citizen of Berkeley. Les Grant and John Holmdahl were the only members of the City Council who really got down to business. The rest of them seemed to handle public affairs in a completely chaotic way."

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## So. Alameda County to host candidate

Southern Alameda County Democratic Club and labor unions will have a reception for Glenn Anderson, labor-endorsed candidate for Lieutenant-Governor at 8:30 p.m. August 16 at Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward.

The committee of labor people includes Boyd Murphy, Manuel Castro, Robey Pierce, Mrs. Marion Hageman, and Manuel Furtado, chairman.

Everyone interested is invited. There will be entertainment provided.

## Telegraphers ask retirees to help push Forand bill

President Larry Ross, Commercial Telegraphers 208, has sent the following to all retired members of the local:

The AFLCIO recognizes the plight of those who depend on Social Security for a living and therefore is sponsoring the Forand Bill H.R. 9467. If enacted the measure would provide a 10 per cent increase in benefits plus medical, hospital and nursing home care for benefit recipients.

It is questionable whether we have sufficient friends in Congress now to do the job. This year we have a wonderful opportunity to elect some friends and to defeat some reactionaries who would really like to wreck Social Security completely.

An aspirant for public office who is interested in promoting the general welfare of all citizens is at a great disadvantage when it comes to raising the funds which are so necessary to conduct a successful political campaign. The American Medical Society, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Corporations are not going to put up a thin dime to help the type of candidate we have in mind.

The infamous Taft-Hartley Law prohibits direct financial assistance by labor unions to candidates for election to national office. We try to collect at least \$1 a year from the members for COPE on a voluntary basis but only a small percentage of the working people contribute.

James McDevitt, director of COPE has asked us to contact our retired members and furnish the names of those who may be disposed to extend their personal support to COPE-endorsed candidates in their area and who are willing to devote some of their spare time in these important elections.

There are many ways in which you can help. The candidate or his representative will get in touch with you, at which time you will be able to select a phase of work suitable to your schedule and talent. Likewise, you will decide on the amount of time you wish to devote to this most worthy cause.

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## The Pals-of-Hoffa issue faces AFLCIO August 15

The August 15 session of the AFLCIO Executive Council is to consider, President Meany has said, the various alliances being formed by AFLCIO unions with the ousted Teamsters.

East Bay Labor Journal is not the only labor paper which has been discussing the issue. The Chicago Federation News, for example, discussed it recently from a viewpoint different from that which we have repeatedly expressed. A few sentences from the Chicago Federation News editorial give the clue:

"Unions are finding that it is essential to the people on the job to work with the Teamsters. The problems of the members override the real or imagined stigma attached to association with certain unions or their leadership. The plain fact is that the Teamsters belong back in the labor movement."

"Real or imagined stigma"? An interesting phrase!

George Ballis, editor of the Valley Labor Citizen of Fresno, reprinted the Chicago Federation News editorial and commented on it in an editorial of his own. Speaking of the growing number of alliances with the Teamsters, he said:

"From this cooperation, members of the various unions undoubtedly have and will obtain direct economic benefits. Also from this cooperation, undesirable leadership and questionable practices are emboldened and strengthened. . . . If the membership is apathetic about honest, democratic unionism and concerned almost exclusively with economic benefits only—as the vast majority are—then is ouster only an empty gesture of self-righteousness? Regardless of the morality, ethics, corruption or politics involved?"

The Valley Labor Citizen states precisely the issue which will confront the AFLCIO Executive Council at its coming session.

When the Chicago Federation News says that "the problems of the members override the real or imagined stigma" it is referring to the direct, immediate, economic, grossly materialistic problems of the members. And the Valley Labor Citizen indulges in a moment of pessimism and declares that "the vast majority are . . . concerned . . . with economic benefits only."

Both the bald cynicism of the Chicago Federation News and the discouraged idealism of the Valley Labor Citizen give point to a statement made in the July Atlantic Monthly by George W. Brooks, research and education director of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers:

"It is often remarked about both Beck and Hoffa that they 'did a good job for the members.' It cannot be shown that Hoffa's prestige in the Teamsters Union depends solely upon bribery, corruption, and political manipulation. To a very considerable extent, he enjoys the adherence of the business agents and the members because of his bargaining accomplishments. . . . The fact is that the desires of workingmen to control their own fate can be seriously weakened by a steady flow of economic benefits. Corruption thus robs the union politically."

And if the Chicago Federation News and the other all too numerous spokesmen for the completely cynical materialistic viewpoint don't realize how corruption and tolerance of corruption are robbing us politically, turning millions of citizens against us, just let them rub their eyes and wake up. Men like Beck and Hoffa have got us into trouble, out of which men like Meany and Reuther are trying to extricate us. May our team win on August 15!

## Faubus, Ike, and Congress

Demagogue Faubus is going back into the Governorship of Arkansas with a huge majority back of him.

Light on this depressing event is cast by testimony given by U. S. Senator Paul Douglas, reported by the AFLCIO News, which he gave before the House Judiciary Committee. Senator Douglas spoke of "the complete shirking of responsibility by both the Congress and the Executive."

Since the court's decision in 1954, said Senator Douglas, "the President has not taken a single step" to help, "other than the one to which he was inevitably forced in Little Rock due in large measure to his previous inaction."

As for the Congress, he points out that the only statement emanating from that august body was the pro-segregation manifesto of Southern Congressmen."

ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWN, Democratic candidate for Governor, told the American Newspaper Guild convention in San Jose this week that Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Knowland, by persuading the GOP State convention to duck the "right to work" issue in its platform, was making a desperate maneuver to avoid being repudiated by his own party leaders. It's hard to figure it any other way. Just as it's hard to figure Knowland's request for debates with Brown other than that way Knowland thought he could reach the crowds flocking to hear Brown.

## I'm Here to Protect Purple People



## 'RIGHT TO WORK' WILL NOT HELP, SAY FARMERS

Following is part of the statement issued by the Farmers Union, a growers organization, which the State Federation Newsletter announces is being sent by Farmers Union all over the country:

Who does "right to work" help?

**Not the worker**—either union member or non-member—for if a union is not strong enough to bargain collectively for fair wage rates and employment conditions, the individual worker finds that his "rights" and "freedom" have resulted in a wage reduction and lack of job security.

**Not the farmer**—for these laws don't raise the prices a farmer receives for butter, or eggs, or anything else. They don't cut down the price the farmer must pay for a tractor, a truck, or a pair of shoes, either. Lower wage rates for workers won't bring down the cost of anything a farmer buys any more than low prices paid to farmers bring down the cost of food to consumers.

**Not the small businessman, or banker, or builder**—for their well-being depends on the financial well-being of their customers. When workers—or farmers—are unable to buy the things they need and want, everyone in the community suffers.

**Not the public**—The general welfare needs an expanding economy of more goods and services changing hands. A "free" labor market always results in a contracting economy that inevitably beats down the living standards of individuals, just as a "free" market for farm commodities brings hardship to family farmers.

**Not even the employer**—who would deny the union membership security. In the short run, he may be able to cut wages and costs and boost profits, but in the long run, his business will diminish as the general economic health sags.

### FARMERS UNION BELIEVES THAT:

1—City workers, small businessmen, and family farmers have mutual interests. They are each other's best customers. The protection of the economic rights of each of them best serves to advance the economic interests and political liberties of all.

2—All persons have a right to organize into groups in order to make their individual voices strong enough to be heard on economic and political matters that are essential to their welfare.

3—Continuously expanding national and world economies of even greater abundance are absolutely essential to the improvement, extension, and preserva-

tion of representative democracy and to the ultimate attainment of permanent world peace. Democracy must, and ultimately will, extend enriched individual dignity, expanded economic opportunity, and increasing material well-being to all people. Governments, private groups, families, and individuals should continually promote the ever-greater attainment and ever-wiser use of a growing abundance. Properly managed labor unions contribute to these goals, and should not be legislated out of operation by so-called "right-to-work" laws.

Here are problems for discussion:

1—Before labor unions were organized, the worker went to the employer and said, "How much will you pay me per hour?" After union organization, and recognition of collective bargaining by the Wagner Act of 1935, representatives of workers and employers sat down together at the bargaining table and worked out wage rates, hours of employment, and working conditions that were mutually satisfactory. Law had provided workers with "bargaining power." Is there a parallel between the position of workers before passage of the Wagner Act, and that of family farmers today?

2—Can there actually be such a thing as a legal right to work? Whose obligation is it to provide anyone or everyone with a job? Is "right-to-work" a misleading slogan rather than a description?

3—The people of the U. S. are the greatest consumers of food and fiber in the world. Do you believe that there is a relationship between the results of collective bargaining by labor and management and this country's high and increasing standard of living?

### Purchasing power

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Let's not be fooled by the "right to work" scheme to outlaw the union shop.

The recession has reminded us that the prosperity of business depends on consumer buying power, union purchasing power.

—Businessmen's Committee for Progress.

## OPINIONS

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## WESTERN TEAMO NEWSLETTER

Editor, Labor Journal:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed copy of a newsletter which the Western Conference of Teamsters will send to its various affiliated groups regularly in the future. It is our hope that this will keep you informed on the activities of the Teamsters in the Western States.

I'm wondering if you would be kind enough to add my name to your mailing list so that I will receive each copy of your publication in the future. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. KELLY,  
Director of Information  
Western Conference of  
Teamsters, San Francisco

(Editor's Note: And the newsletter is very attractive and interesting, too.)

## WOMEN'S PAGE

Editor, Labor Journal:

Permit me to thank you for the information on how to clean a hat, you know it's just possible in view of the protracted recession that to save a cleaning bill will make it possible to enjoy an extra meal.

WHAT LABOR NEWS?

Respectfully,  
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(Editor's Note: Yes, there are many interesting items on our women's page, always page 2. And by the way, did you know that in the course of the fight against "right to work" Jack Tobler is finding that many union men are not registered, but their wives are?)

## WORK STOPPAGES

Most of the work stoppages in California in 1957 resulted from disputes originating in the State. The five stoppages which involved workers in other states as well accounted for only 6 percent of the mandays idle. By comparison, interstate work stoppage in 1956 were responsible for more than one-third of all the mandays idle in the State.—State Report.

ALL SLAVES

Servile workers tend to be the slaves of the nation's present culture, especially when they aren't members of a labor union. Even managers of big business are slaves if they do not share in ownership. . . . The non-owning managers are only high-salaried members of the proletariat, and the higher paid they are the more insecure they become.—Mortimer Adler, philosopher.

## OBJECTIVITY

I think we (newspapermen and newspaper managers) have got to get over the notion that objectivity is achieved by giving a sinner equal space with a saint—and above all of paying the greatest attention to those who shout the loudest. We've got to learn that a set of indisputable facts does not necessarily add up to the whole truth.—Harry Ashmore in Harper's.

## BROTHERHOOD

He who wishes to secure the good of others, has already secured his own.—Confucius.

PARTISANSHIP

A man must be stupid who believes there is no truth but on his own side.—Joseph Addison.